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## COMMENTARY

# Success is our Team Achieving Readiness

## Commander's Corner

**Col. Stayce D. Harris**  
**Commander**  
**459th Air Refueling Wing**



## The 'T' in STAR performance

Last month, we performed brilliantly during our IR preparatory exercise. All 459th personnel involved in the cargo build up and loading, passenger loading and command and control worked as a cohesive team in, "doing the job right" and on time!

The key to that success was 'T' for teamwork. Let's perform in the inspection just like we should everyday; with a spirit of teamwork, cooperation, communication and emphasis on safety.

At last month's commander's call and civilian call, I witnessed how you cheer and celebrate each other for your recognitions and achievements. Use that same enthusiasm and pride to work together as a team during the inspection, and success is yours!

Communicate your needs immediately when you have a problem or conflict. Allow your team to assist you. Two heads or more are better than one. Think safety at all times. Everyone is responsible for stopping opera-

tions when you believe safety is in jeopardy.

Any goal other than zero accidents and safety violations implies they are acceptable. NO accident or safety violation is acceptable. Wear your safety belts, protective gear and follow tech orders and checklists, always.

Air Mobility Command Inspector General, Brig. Gen. Mark Zamzow says, "The UTC's and functional areas that put on their game faces performed the best!" You've worked hard preparing for this opportunity to demonstrate the 459th's excellence. Now, let's deliver a STAR performance and maintain that state of readiness from here on.

We've got the AEF in the fall and more opportunities to succeed in the future. Readiness is our way of life. Success after this inspection is our celebrating a job greatly done, then taking time to enjoy the rest of the summer with family and friends knowing that you are . . . ready. "Combat ready, fuel to fight, the 459th delivers excellence!"

# Attitude is key to success

## Command Chief's Corner

**Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman**  
**459th ARW Command Chief**



If you don't know the answer, be honest and say so, then get back to them with the answer or guide them to someone who knows.

In my short five months as your command chief, I have met many of you in your units and I am extremely impressed.

I know your esprit de corps and "can-do" attitude will impress our new commander, Col. Stayce Harris, as well.

Her enthusiasm is contagious and with her leadership and your positive attitude and professionalism, we'll get through this inspection with flying colors.

A big thank you goes out to all of you who have worked so hard preparing for our Initial Response Inspection taking place this UTA.

A positive and enthusiastic attitude is the key to our success! If the inspector asks you a question, be professional, maintain your military bearing, and answer to the best of your ability.

# Professionalism, integrity, humility — difference between ‘good and great?’

**Lt. Col. Jeff Smith**  
**47th Operations Support Squadron**

**LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Why does the Air Force continually attempt to mentor, develop and shape us as Airmen?

It's not because the Air Force needs good men and good women; rather, it's because the Air Force needs great men and great women. We need individuals willing to take the personal tools that we've been given and diligently forge them into skills of greatness. Not greatness for ourselves, but greatness for service...service to humanity.

As I reflect on the great men and women that I have been honored to serve with, I have noticed three distinctive characteristics that make the difference between good and great: professionalism, integrity, and humility.

Professionalism is ensuring that the job we are given is done right. When we complete a task, we must be willing to sign our name to it and consider it a personal beacon, a reflection of who we are and what we bring to the fight. Our deeds define our reputation and our reputation defines our lives. Our professionalism is measured every day by the passion in which we seek lasting solutions and by the spirit of excellence that we demand of ourselves and of those around us. Do not be fooled. When the uniform comes off and the duty day is over, professionalism does not get hung in the

closet. Our professionalism is not defined by the clock on the wall; rather it is defined by who we are every moment of every day. Whether in blues in parade, BDUs in battle, or jeans at a club downtown, we must all reflect a beacon of professionalism that cannot be extinguished. If professionalism is doing the job right, then integrity is doing the right job.

While professionalism is a beacon of our lives, integrity is the banner of our heart. A man or woman who cannot be trusted will not ever reach the level of greatness that our military calling requires. My father taught me that it takes a long time to build trust and only a moment to lose it. Our lives, what we say, what we sign, and what we claim to believe cannot be laden with folly. In our profession, there is simply too much at stake. Instead, we must build a banner of integrity that is beyond reproach, beyond question.

Finally, it is the virtue of humility that will lead our lives to greatness. We are taught to “do nothing out of vain conceit or selfish ambition, but in humility consider others greater than ourselves.”

A man without humility risks intoxication by his own perceived power. True greatness, the kind of greatness needed throughout our military service, will only be found in those rare individuals that seek wise council, admit when they are wrong, and allow others to take the credit for success.

Professionalism, integrity, humility: characteristics that empower our ability to serve.

Our individual challenge is to continually develop and improve all three. They simply make the difference between good and great.

## On the cover



**Staff Sgt. Ryan Sheldon, air transportation specialist, 89th Aerial Port Squadron, provides tips to members of the 459th Logistics Readiness Flight on how to load the pallet with weapons cases for the purpose of the Initial Response Inspection. (Photo by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell).**

## FLIGHTLINE

**Question: What is your favorite summertime sports activity?**



**Airman Thaddeus Imaralu, 459 SVS**  
*"I enjoy playing tennis because you run and swing your arms. It's good exercise."*



**Senior Airman Alexander Gray, 459 AES**  
*"I enjoy motorcycling because it's nice and warm and I like the wind hitting my face."*



**Staff Sgt. Robert Myers, 459 AES**  
*"I like to play golf because it's outside and it's a difficult sport."*



**Master Sgt. Terri Stone-Hill, 459 CF**  
*"I like to bowl all year round, but I bowl more in the summer."*



**Tech. Sgt. Steven Brown, 459 RS**  
*"I enjoy golfing and fishing during the summer."*



## Deployed civil engineer from Andrews performs duty in desert

By Master Sgt. Cheryl Toner  
380th Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — “This may be the most important job you ever do,” the escort security program manager tells his third country national escorts upon their arrival to this area of responsibility.

While everyone has an important job — otherwise jobs wouldn’t be filled — extra precautions at any base in the Middle East are preventative actions, designed to alleviate the likelihood that something like the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing never happens again.

CENTCOM officials explained the need for escorts, noting that if there were no escorts, the military would have to deploy more people.

After all, if there are no contractors to build a new runway or take out the trash, the military would have to deploy someone to do it.

Considering there about 60 escorts here and more than 1,000 third country national’s on base daily, the trade-off is obviously well worth it.

One myth that people may have about TCN escorts is that there is some reason the Airmen are getting “pulled” from their Air Force specialties ... and that the reason is not good. “This is not true at all,” said Senior Master Sgt. Arthur “Flea” Flecker, the program manager, deployed since January 2005 from the 459th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md. “These guys are great and they’re motivated.”

To that end, precautions are taken here daily; however, the process isn’t too excit-

ing. As a matter of fact, it’s pretty boring. Nobody would envy Airman 1st Class Amanda Spinner as she sits in her solitary post — a 20-foot wooden tower with no air conditioning — as she watches TCNs pour concrete for the new runway here.

It’s practically the equivalent of watching paint dry as the merciless sun moves across the sky.

“It’s an awful lot of lonely work,” said Sergeant Flecker. “Rarely do you see more than two escorts together.”

Watching someone work “may seem me-

Airman 1st Class Katrina Wells, who is also deployed from Laughlin, said she volunteered to deploy. A 2004 high school graduate with less than a year in the Air Force, Airman Wells said, “I learned how to work with people from different bases.”

Senior Airman Rudolph Spencer, deployed from the 305th Communications Squadron at McGuire AFB, N.J., said he has “respect for other people’s jobs in the Air Force,” however, he said he’d rather deploy in his career field. “The conditions are better,” he said. Most people would probably agree if

they had to stand outside all day in the desert.

While most Airmen enjoy the break from their typical Air Force duties, events such as the recent U-2 crash pull Airmen back to what the Air Force first trained them to do. Airman Spinner and four other escorts helped the clinic for five days, doing double shifts.

“These guys are great,” said Sergeant Flecker, who not only speaks of the escorts, but also of 380th Expeditionary Security Forces members.

Since force protection is their No. 1 priority, Sergeant Flecker said the escorts and security forces work together. “We’re all interlinked,” he said. “We can handle about

90 percent of the issues on our own, but we call the security forces for the other 10 percent.”

With more than 30 contracts currently on base, TCN escorts are everywhere — from refuse collection and laundry deliveries to building the new runway and constructing new fuel tanks, Sergeant Flecker said they’re everywhere and they’re busy. Despite this, many of the escorts are not letting their long hours keep them from taking classes, volunteering for the honor guard, or actively supporting the base sports programs.



**Senior Airman Rudolph Spencer (left), deployed from the 305th Communications Squadron at McGuire AFB, N.J., talks to Senior Master Sgt. Arthur “Flea” Flecker, security escort program manager, deployed from the 459th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md. Sergeant Flecker supervises about 60 escorts, who in turn watch about 1,000 third country nationals daily as the TCNs perform various contract jobs on base. (Photo by Master Sgt. Cheryl Toner).**

nial,” he said however, he also tells the more than 60 Airmen here that their jobs are vital to the livelihood of everyone here. The necessary program pulls normal jobs; however, Sergeant Flecker said a lot of the escorts like the change.

Airman Spinner, who is deployed from Laughlin AFB, Texas, typically works inside on medical administrative issues. “I like being outside,” she said. She also said she likes the different experience and feels the program has given her a “more well-rounded” view of the Air Force.

# An ounce of FOD can cause a world of trouble

## Wing FOD program helps keep flyers flying...safely!

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Timothy Smith  
Wing Public Affairs

The 459th Maintenance Group conducts a FOD walk every other week to scope out potentially harmful objects that can cause serious and costly damage to wing aircraft.

FOD, foreign object debris, can result in damage that can cost millions of dollars if ingested by the wing's KC-135 engines.

"It costs \$1.5 million to replace an engine," said Master Sgt. David Hanson, 459th FOD monitor. "A simple 30 cent screw or washer sucked in the engine can cost us \$1.5 million."

Hanson said there is a variety of debris that is found during a FOD walk: a five inch bolt, smaller nuts and bolts, golf balls, broken bulbs, washers, a static wick from an aircraft, and even a fired bullet.

Size is not as much an issue as density is when it comes to FOD. A small but dense object can cause more damage to aircraft than a larger object with less density.

"Typically what we'll find on the flightline is debris brought in by vehicles - pieces of asphalt and small hardware," said Hanson.

Greater quantities of FOD are found during the winter months, said Hanson. The cold weather brings about the use of snow-removal equipment. The heavy equipment can track debris onto the flightline, and sometimes parts of the equipment do fall off.



Winter weather also decreases the frequency of the FOD walks due to the accumulation of ice and snow making it unsafe to walk the flightline.

It has been years since the wing has had a FOD related aircraft incident, but the possibility of an unfortunate incident occurring due to FOD still lingers.

"The worst one we had was on aircraft 226 in Bangor, Maine, when we had our 141s (C-141)," said Hanson. "The number two engine had sustained damage to its fan blade, causing catastrophic damage and some damage to the number one engine." There was also damage to the wing and fuselage.

Hanson said a stone or a bolt impacted one of the blades resulting in a crack, and the blade broke off and destroyed the engine during flight.

Due to the lives and money that can be lost as a result of FOD, it is a serious issue for Hanson and the Air Force. Hanson pushed for an additional course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, to gain more insight on the issue.

Hanson said the fact that his office doesn't find a lot of FOD related incidences is a testament to the program and whenever there is a FOD incident, there is a lot of paperwork to follow. Fortu-

nately most of the damage can be blended out. For example, some dings and dents can be removed in fan blades, but that can only be done so many times before the blades have to be replaced.

"When people think of FOD they think of ingestion by the engine, and rightly so," said Hanson, "but sometimes it's damage to tires."

FOD detection is every member's responsibility and it's their job to help keep FOD off the flightline, said Hanson.

No one wants to repair something that's absolutely preventable. One thing a person can do is to perform a FOD check on a vehicle by searching the tires before taking it



**Lt. Col. David Post, 459 MXG commander, picks up small, but potentially damaging, pieces of FOD during the wing's FOD walk, June 29.**



**A member of the wing holds up a bag of FOD for display. Some of the members found rocks, pieces of asphalt and concrete, and nuts and bolts.**

on the flightline. and pay more attention to detail when working out there and in the hangars. And, of course, every member of the wing can join in on the FOD walks every other Wednesday.

"The bottom line is that we have safe reliable aircraft. The FOD program helps guarantee that," said Hanson.

For more information of FOD detection and removal, contact Master Sgt. David Hanson at 240-857-6857.

# Meeting the challenge

## Chaplain's Corner

**Chaplain Greg Havrilak, Lt. Col.  
459th ARW Wing Chaplain**



We face challenges every day. We are challenged by our supervisors, coworkers, spouses, teachers, children, by our doctors, and even by ourselves for achievement. Just driving to work each day can be a challenge. In my case just making it across the Wilson Bridge every night after work is a challenge.

But the challenges that mean most to us, those life-transforming obstacles to happiness and success that can make or break a person, are the ones that confront our very being; they are challenges that can strengthen or destroy us, depending on whether we can overcome them or not.

Life-long ambitions to grow professionally in our chosen fields of endeavor are often colored by stages or levels of progression. In the military, for example, this growing process may be associated with promotion to higher rank, along with a requisite bestowing of greater responsibility. How one succeeds in each of these stages in professional development can affect one's psychology or sense of well-being.

Let us take a brief look at three famous individuals from the past, which history has labeled successful for the simple fact that each of these historical figures were confronted by enormous obstacles and seemingly insurmountable challenges, but overcame them. I have chosen the enigmatic figures of Hannibal, Joan of Arc, and David the King.

Apart from Alexander the Great, one of the greatest military commanders of antiquity was Hannibal Barca, General of Carthage. Over time, two empires—Rome and Carthage—came to blows in a series of military campaigns called the Punic Wars. Hannibal's campaign took place during the Second Punic War, beginning around 218 BCE.

He started out by attacking Saguntum in Spain, invading Italy, and remaining there for 16 years while his armies devastated the countryside. What is so amazing about

Hannibal's invasion of Italy is how he got there in the first place. He crossed the Alps. Imagine this impossible challenge he faced: how to get 20,000 infantry, 6,000 cavalry, and 38 elephants over this extensive mountain range. Although the entire journey from Cartegena to

Italy took five months, Hannibal's armies spent over two weeks in the snow-covered peaks of the mountain range. Despite all these difficulties, which included horrendous climate, treacherous terrain, attacks from guerrilla tribesmen, commanding fighting units of diverse cultures and languages, Hannibal eventually entered Italy. Can anyone even imagine telling this great military commander that crossing the Alps was an impossible challenge? Yet, Hannibal faced this seemingly impossible challenge, studied it carefully, consulted his military advisors, sent out scouts, and ultimately gave the command to move on. Hannibal confronted his challenge head-on and conquered it.

Another famous individual who faced seemingly insurmountable challenge was Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc). Born in Domrémy, France, Joan of Arc was granted command of an army by church authorities to help drive the English out of France. Her troops were successful in lifting the siege of Orléans in 1429, defeating an English army at Patay, and accepting the surrender of Troyes and other occupied cities. Her army escorted Charles to the city of Reims for his coronation as Charles the VII.

After many battlefield victories, she was eventually captured and placed on trial by a select group of pro-English clergy. Joan was convicted and burned at the stake on May 23, 1430 for allegedly having "visions" and for "cross-dressing." The following words were inscribed on a paper hat placed on her head before execution: "Heretic, Relapsed, Apostate, Idolatrous." But in 1456 the Inquisition, in a lengthy re-trial, declared her innocent, posthumously. Today Joan of Arc is a saint in the Catholic Church.

Joan faced her challenge not only on the battlefield but also at her court trials. She steadfastly refused to recant in front of bribed judges and prosecutors who accused

her of heresy, witchcraft and cross-dressing. At her execution she publicly forgave her accusers and asked them to pray for her, crying out God's name as the fires grew higher. Joan of Arc faced insurmountable obstacles in her quest to rid France of foreign occupation.

Lastly, we have David born around 907 BCE. David was chosen by God to become the second king of Israel. He was anointed by Samuel to ascend the throne of Israel after the death of the rebellious Saul. Wisely governing the tribes of Israel, he cleverly forged all of them into a united nation. As a young lad, David's first major challenge was confronting the larger and better-equipped army of the Philistines. One day on the battlefield, the Philistines sent forward their top soldier, a huge man named Goliath, who scripture says stood nine feet tall. He wore a bronze helmet and armor over his entire body. Who did the Israelites send forth to fight him? David, of course, who was a man of little stature. When Goliath and his Philistine comrades saw David they all laughed. But David, standing in front of this huge man, was not laughing. He looked up and faced this ostensibly impossible challenge fearlessly. Taking a stone from his bag he swung his sling toward the giant, sinking the stone into his forehead. David faced a "giant" obstacle, to be sure, but overcame it. Everyone must face challenges in life, personally and professionally. As members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing we all face a major challenge in July and August of this year, with the kickoff of the Initial Response Inspection. Our wing will be evaluated on every facet of our operations to grade our ability to generate aircraft and process personnel and equipment. Are we ready to meet the challenge?

Except on the battlefield, at no other time in our military careers are two ideas more relevant: leadership and teamwork. As members of the team, you will need to work collaboratively with your colleagues, even within a hierarchical structure like the military, to get the job done. As with Hannibal, Joan of Arc and King David, people want to be on a winning team. The 459 ARW is a winning team. Let us come together as a team to meet and conquer this challenge.



# Build homes, build hope, be the change

By Tech. Sgt. A.J. Staton  
459th Maintenance Operations Flight

On Saturday, April 30, the forecast reads rainy, wet, and cool all day, but that didn't stop more than 20 members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing and their families from participating in the day-long Christmas in April event.

Christmas in April is a nonprofit organization that provides home repairs and modifications for senior citizens, the disabled, and families with children who are physically challenged. This national movement is dedicated to preventing homelessness and rebuilding local communities through the spirit of volunteerism.

The volunteers devoted the last Saturday in April to help paint interior and exterior walls while helping to remodel the bathrooms and kitchens, rebuild fences, recycle clutter and plant new flowers for two homes in the Capitol Heights area.

The work this organization does for our community not only helps restore crumbling neighborhoods but also reassures homeowner pride and dignity. Christmas in April grew from the urgent need for better hous-

ing conditions and concerns of our local communities across the country.

All contributions are tax-deductible. Corporations, foundations, private citizens, civil and labor organizations donate funds to help build a stronger community. This program embraces all people, all faiths and all walks of life. Each dollar donated contributes to the material and skilled labor used for construction and renovation.

Christmas in April relies upon the generosity of sponsors and volunteers to achieve its goals which is to help individuals have a better life so they can live as homeowners independently, in a warm and safe environment. Donations cover the cost of materials and supplies needed to repair the site, and include items such as, roofing, plumbing, and electrical supplies. Volunteers make a difference!

"We were pleased to see so many members willing to give an entire Saturday for this community service project," said Patti Hickman, 459th ARW Command Chief Master Sergeant and Christmas in April house captain. "Next year we'd like to recruit enough military volunteers to repair five homes."

## Preparing the House

"It's normal for a small group to prep the house ahead of time," said Chief Ellington, 459th Civil Engineer Squadron and house captain for the second home, "and return after the weekend to tie-up details." The whole team will complete the bulk of the work in one day. Some volunteers have expertise in their craft and will have a solution to a problem and give sound advice.

This annual project is a tribute to our members and their commitment to making the world a better place to live.

## The Team At Work

The house we worked on is owned by a single mother with a disabled child. The mother, Ms. Jones, and her son, were one of the homeowners selected to receive free home repairs and renovation service. "They did a fantastic job to my home and we are blessed," said Ms. Jones.

Homeowners are frequently amazed at the



Staff Sgt. Shanteau Gregory, 459 MOF, and Jade Washington (niece of Tech. Sgt. Denise Patterson, 459 MXS), paint the bathroom. (Photos by CMSgt. Patti Hickman).

sheer number of people who come out to lend them a helping hand. They are even more amazed at the massive amount of work that can be accomplished by caring volunteers in a short period of time with skilled and unskilled volunteers assigned to a particular project!

The homeowners definitely appreciated our efforts. The volunteers are from the 459th Maintenance Operations Flight, 459th Mission Support Squadron, 459th Civil Engineering, 459th Maintenance Group, 459th Security Forces, Recruiting and the 69th Aerial Port Squadron.

Each volunteer donated their time and skills to lay brick, set ceramic tile, clean gutters, install new kitchen cabinets, replace carpet and a front door, cut down trees, shrubs and beautify landscape, power wash exterior of entire home, inspect and repair plumbing in the bathroom and kitchen, wash windows, install a door bell, hang curtains, and install smoke detectors.

## Building A Better Tomorrow

Neighbors helping neighbors. Communities helping communities and people helping people. Take pride, show character and perform to the highest level; excellence in all we do. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman 240-857-2934.



Tech. Sgt. Virgil Marshall, 459 MXS, paints an interior walls of the kitchen.

# Readiness flight brings f

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell  
Wing Public Affairs

**M**ost reservists participate in exercises and mobility lines a couple times a year focusing on mobility requirements only when processing or preparing to process, but a small handful of reservists from the 459th Logistics Readiness Flight plan and manage mobility requirements every day.

The Logistics Readiness Flight, “requires a depth of expertise in each of the specific career fields,” said Lt. Col. Mark Skinner, 459 LRF commander. The LRF has 32 positions divided into four primary sections; supply, aircraft fueling, specialized vehicle maintenance and logistics plans. “The critical nature of this small unit is reflected in the fact that the 459 LRF has four air reserve technician’s, a rather large number for such a small unit,” said Skinner.

The logistics plans component ensures the readiness of the wing. “When called upon for an AEF rotation or any other real-world deployment, the plans office oversees the deployment process,” said Capt. Timothy Bordeau, logistics readiness officer. “We make sure everyone gets to right location at the right time.”

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Miller, logistics management specialist, manages the Air Expeditionary Force reporting tool database that reports on the status of unit type codes which group a specific person or people and equipment to perform a job. Each unit has a specified number of UTCs. Sergeant Miller is responsible for finding volunteers to fill AEF taskings which requires him to check the tasking messages on a daily basis. If a tasking is “dropped” for the 459 ARW, Sergeant Miller verifies it with the Air Force Reserve Command cell at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to ensure it isn’t an erroneous tasking. Oftentimes, a shortfall request from another base becomes available to all bases and it’s his job to send the tasking out to the units and ask for a volunteer to fill the slot. If the tasking is 459 ARW specific, then he notifies the unit being tasked and proceeds with the deployment process.

Sergeant Miller is not alone in checking the tasking requirements. Staff Sgt. Marisol Salgado, logistics management specialist, and winner of the Air Reserve Component logistics plans junior enlisted member of the year for 2004, is also responsible for checking the reporting tool as well. However, Sergeant Salgado’s primary responsibility as the wing deployment manager is training the unit deployment managers who are, in turn, responsible for ensuring the right people and equipment are in a readily deployable state within their unit. “Without the UDMs we wouldn’t do well on our inspections,” said Salgado, “because it’s the UDM that makes sure the mobility folders are complete, medical and training requirements are met, and that equipment is ready to go.” In addition to those duties, she also conducts staff assistance visits to units checking their deployment ready status.

The second and third component of the logistics readiness flight is specialized vehicle maintenance and aircraft fueling (formerly known as transportation), who provide fuel support for the eight aircraft assigned to the 459th ARW, however, this support



**Staff Sgt. Marisol Salgado performs a deployment records review with the unit deployment managers to prepare for the upcoming initial response inspection.**



**Staff Sgt. Ryan Sheldon, 89 APS, and Master Sgt. Cathy Gray, 459 LRF, discuss the pallet building procedure for the weapons crates during a weapons processing exercise.**



**Capt. Timothy Bordeau, 459 LRF, tigh**  
**net that covers the weapons cases on**



# Fuel to the fight every day



**Staff Sgt. Damon Davis, 459 LRF, Tech. Sgt. Richard Boyed, 459 AES, Senior Airman Dan McGlone, 459 AMXS and Master Sgt. Peter LaRosa, 459 AMXS, carry weapons cases onto a K-loader pallet during the weapons processing exercise July 14.**



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function has been contracted out to civilians, therefore, our fuels and vehicle maintenance specialists work closely with the contractors, active duty and guard units on base for training. These specialists stay plenty busy however keeping up with their ancillary training and assisting the plans office in keeping the wing deployable.

Supply is the fourth component of the 459 LRF. Master Sgt. Cathy Gray, material management superintendent, is responsible for overseeing the spare parts kit, a collection of supply assets used to keep the airplanes flying, to ensure the readiness of the aircraft at all times. Sergeant Gray is the functional area manager who monitors the wing's weapons inventory, wing equipment, mobility assets, maintenance kits and munitions and she is also the wing clothing monitor which is a function of the Logistics Readiness Flight.

Who oversees Sergeants Miller, Salgado and Gray to ensure they are keeping up with their requirements? That would be the wing deployment officer, Capt. Bordeaux, winner of the 4th Air Force 2004 outstanding logistics plans company grade officer of the year. He oversees the AEF report-

ing tool and reviews the unit staff assistance visit reports to identify needs and acts as a liaison between his staff and upper management to ensure corrections are made and problems are solved. He also ensures supply issues are raised up the chain of command making sure that wing members have the tools necessary to perform their mobility functions.

The past mobility exercise in November and the upcoming Initial Response Inspection has kept the Logistics Readiness Flight busier than ever but Capt. Bordeaux is confident that the wing has "come a long way since our first exercise ... we've made a lot of progress and are ready for the IG team to arrive in July."

Some may wonder why we have two Logistics Readiness Flights; the 459 LRF and the 759 LRF. They provide completely separate missions. The primary difference between the two units is that the 759th works logistics issues at the MAJCOM level while the 459th is a base level organization.

The 759th consists of 10 officers who augment the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Theater Aerospace Control Center during contingency operations. During Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, Maj. Stephen Higgins, 759 LRF acting commander and Lt. Col. Skinner, volunteered to deploy to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and subsequently ran the movement control team which is responsible for managing the Air Force portion of war planning which basically means the movement of people and equipment throughout the European theater.

Major's Eric Chang and Emmett Long also volunteered to deploy and played key roles in the Logistics Readiness Center at Ramstein AB. The LRC is the main control hub for logistics issues that manage the day-to-day operations from maintenance to civil engineering to transportation and supply ensuring the forces in the European theater were movable and moving.

During peacetime, the 759 LRF members participate in annual joint exercises and often act as liaisons, scenario developers, and exercise coordinators. "Their work requires a significant breadth of knowledge across the spectrum of logistics and they look at things from primarily a strategic level," said Skinner. Whether working during peacetime or wartime, both logistics readiness flights are an integral part of the wing's mission to bring fuel to the fight, any time and anywhere.

# Safety sense is common sense

By Lt. Col. Charles Thibault  
Wing Safety Office

**B**y now you all have been drilled, preached to, and badgered about the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

Wear a seat belt, wear a helmet, wear a safety vest while boating, don't blow off your fingers or lose an eye while shooting off your stash of fireworks.

You probably have it figured out that you should use prudent planning for your summer activities. I know I have nagged you about using common sense (operational risk management) to identify potential hazards, analyze the risk, and mitigate those risks to acceptable levels.

It's something we do everyday; at least most of us. When we change lanes on the beltway, we gage other drivers (identify hazards), assess speed, and spacing (analyze risk), then execute our decision based on a level of acceptable risk.

We are all pretty good at planning the "big stuff", but what about the everyday chores?

Good weather commonly leads to a comprehensive "honey-do" list. When painting the eaves, plowing the farm, or mowing the lawn, please take the time to ensure you have the proper tools and use them the proper way.

Analyze the risks, don't take "shortcuts", and use proper Personal Protective Equipment. I remember one particular day having a difficult time starting the lawn mower. I wanted to bag the lawn clippings but didn't want to shut off the mower.

I tied the "release handle" down with twine and off I went. As I slipped on the damp grass of our hill, I let go of the mower and watched as my sneakered foot slid toward the undercarriage. I was lucky that day, and have since worn those steel toed boots and let the safety equipment perform its intended function.



**File photo of a toe injury resulting from a lawn mower.**

When my son was old enough to want to use the powered lawn equipment (remember when), I started him out small by teaching him how to use the "weed eater".

The first time out, I heard a sharp yelp and turned to see blood oozing above his right eye. It had thrown a stone or



**File photo of a nail in sunglasses.**

piece of metal and to my horror, I had forgotten the most basic of safety device—protective goggles, or even sunglasses. I would never have forgiven myself if he had lost an eye.

You should approach all you do as if you were teaching your child to do it the right way. Start every job with a "safety checklist". Whether you call it common sense or operational risk management, make it a way of life and remember, your children will learn by watching what you do. "Example is the best general order," said Gen. George S. Patton.

## *Inquiring mind wants to know...*



**Thirty-one teens from the Northern Virginia Organization of Black Airline Pilots toured a KC-135R aircraft June 29 during an Aviation Career Education Camp. Junaid Mulhtar, 13, listens intently to Tech. Sgt. Chris Ochoa, boom operator, about the instrument panel of the aircraft.**

**Photo by 1st Lt. Timothy Smith**

# Andrews Airman helps save father, son

by Senior Airman Adrienne L. Wilson  
89th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

An Airman with the 89th Airlift Wing's dental squadron here helped rescue a father and son involved in a recent accident in nearby Waldorf.

Master Sgt. David Klink, the squadron's superintendent, was waiting in his vehicle at a stoplight at a T-intersection when he witnessed a truck barreling through the intersection on two tires after its brakes failed. The truck crashed into two buildings and landed on its driver's side.

Sergeant Klink drove to the accident site where he and his friend were the first people on scene to help. The truck was still running and there was diesel fuel and white steam coming out of it. "We looked in the tinted window of the truck and saw someone move," Sergeant Klink said. "My friend boosted me up and I dropped in through the passenger window. Just as we were about

to get out of the truck, we heard a kid start crying."

When the truck crashed, the boy flew out of the seat because he was not in a child seat, fire department officials later told Sergeant Klink. "The boy was all the way in the back under tarps and toys and things," Sergeant Klink said. "There was no way we could see him, but we could hear him scream.

The dad was coming to, so the dad and I started to look for the boy. The dad was not all the way with it yet, so the dad handed him to me. I know from experience that his neck could be hurt, so I supported him on my chest."

Sergeant Klink got out of the vehicle with the boy. Even though the truck was mangled, the father was not seriously injured, Sergeant Klink said. The only visible injury the 3-year-old had was his six top front teeth broken into pieces and shards.

While the boy was lying on the ground, Sergeant Klink used a T-shirt to stop the bleeding. When the ambulance arrived, two

emergency medical technicians switched the T-shirt in the boy's mouth to a wet gauze, Sergeant Klink said.

"I gave (the EMT) all the medical information I knew, we took his vitals, and we transferred him to a backboard," he said. "When I got to the ambulance, (the EMT) asked if I wanted to go with her because her coworker was still tending to the father."

Because of his Air Force medical training, Sergeant Klink said he knew what to do and did not panic. "I got to do some medical stuff that I never thought I would do because I make teeth," the sergeant said. "I use torches and grinders and things like that. It came really natural, I had eight or 10 people standing there (who) didn't know what to do, and I was able to help. "I'm really far down on the medical totem pole, but it still came really naturally" he said.

After the boy was taken by helicopter to a children's hospital in Washington, D.C., the EMT assured Sergeant Klink that father and son were in good condition.

## Civilian Spotlight

**Job Title:** Asst. Chief,  
Personnel Employment,  
459th Military Personnel  
Flight

**Duties:** Processes enlisted and officer classifications, update medical profiles, process incoming accessions from basic military training and prior service and update the manning documents.

**Length of employment with the  
459th ARW:** 13 years



Mr. Paul McDaniel

**Personal Hobbies:** Sight-seeing, talking and laughing with friends, watching sports

**Something people we may not know about you?** I spent 28 years on active duty in the Air Force

**If you could have dinner with anyone of influence (dead or alive), who would it be and why?** Other than my wife, my mother who told me "Do what you say you're going to do and be truthful about it."



## Thrift Savings Plan users no longer have to wait for 'open seasons' to make changes

Beginning July 1, servicemembers and other government employees won't have to wait for twice-a-year "open seasons" in order to start, stop or change contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan, the federal government's 401(k)-style deferred retirement account.

Servicemembers can contribute up to 10 percent of their pre-tax pay in any of five investment accounts.

Unlike many civilian retirement plans based on the 401(k) section of U.S. tax code, the Pentagon doesn't chip in matching funds because military pensions are already considered to be generous.

Still, nearly half a million servicemembers contribute to the investment accounts, which grow tax-free. Account holders must pay taxes on any withdrawals and would also owe a 10 percent penalty on any amount withdrawn before age 59½ unless the individual can demonstrate financial hardship.

Until now, servicemembers had to wait for "open seasons" — 60-day periods twice a year — to enroll or make changes in their TSP accounts. Now, any change will be made effective no later than the first full pay period after it has been submitted.

Open seasons were ended by the Thrift Savings Plan Open Elections Act of 2004, signed into law by President Bush in December.

For more information, check out the TSP Web site at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

## Airmen can wear Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

Airmen may now wear the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal, officials announced June 28.

The medals are approved for active-duty airmen, reservists and guardsmen deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001, for Operation Enduring Freedom and on or after March 19, 2003, for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To be eligible, airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in Afghanistan or Iraq for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

The ACM is awarded for service for all land areas within and all airspaces above Afghanistan.

The ICM is for service covering all land areas within Iraq, all adjoining water areas out to 12 nautical miles and all airspaces

above those areas.

Airmen may wear only one campaign and/or expeditionary medal for a single action, achievement or period of service, officials said. A period of service is a deployment lasting at least 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days; a second period of service would begin after an airman returns home from a first deployment and then deploys a second time. There are also no devices for either campaign medals or the Global War on Terrorism-Expeditionary Medal, officials said.

Airmen have a choice: Those who deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq and have 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days between the eligibility period and April 30 may choose to wear either a campaign medal or the GWOT-E medal. But they can't wear both, officials say.

The Air Force Personnel Center will update its system in August to convert GWOT-E medals to campaign medals for airmen who are eligible. Airmen who don't want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff or military personnel flight, officials said.

The campaign medal for Afghanistan is positioned below the one for Kosovo and above the medal for Iraq.

For questions or more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight's Career Enhancement office at (240) 857-2853.

## Life insurance benefits gain increased emphasis

Air Force Reserve Command senior leaders want reservists to know about the importance of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, after a recent tragedy involving a reservist who declined SGLI coverage prompted a call for this benefit to receive more emphasis.

In addition to requiring reservists to report to their military personnel flight to decline coverage in person, command officials are looking at adding squadron-level counseling by the first sergeant or commander.

This increased concern comes on the heels of legislation to increase the maximum coverage, to ensure beneficiaries know when an individual turns down the maximum and to help service members who sustain traumatic war injuries.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush, May 11, raises maximum SGLI coverage from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to

\$100,000 for people with traumatic injuries.

In a new twist introduced through the legislation, troops with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of people who are not married, the designated beneficiary will receive notice when the person purchases less than the maximum coverage.

The increased SGLI coverage will start Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit will begin Dec. 1. The legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, said Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for troops who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct results of injuries received during Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The benefit does not apply to people suffering from disease.

People enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect.

Troops opting for maximum SGLI coverage — \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 — will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, Mr. Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000.

Because the rates have not changed, people who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums, Mr. Wurtz said, except for the \$1 "traumatic SGLI" premium.

For questions or more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight's Customer Service office at (240) 857-3843.

## Reservists need to register civilian employment information

Time is running out for about 15,000 Air Force reservists in the Selected Reserve to comply with a Department of Defense directive.

Oct. 31 is the deadline for reservists who are paid for training to register information about their civilian place of employment. Some 60,000 of these Airmen, roughly 80 percent of the force, provided that information as of May.

The Civilian Employment Information Program is the first mandatory disclosure by members of the Selected Reserve and Indi-

vidual Ready Reserve of their civilian employers into a common database.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, urge reservists to register on-line as soon as possible by going to <http://www.afrc.af.mil/reserveInfo.htm> and clicking on Civilian Employment Info Program.

An air reserve component Web site is in development to streamline this process even more. After clicking on the Web site, reservists enter their employment status, employer's name, mailing address, civilian job title and total number of years in their current civilian occupation.

Unlike previous military service efforts to voluntarily gather employer data, the CEI program is mandatory.

Reservists who knowingly fail or refuse to provide their employment-related information, or provide false information, may be subject to administrative action.

If on duty, they could face punishment for dereliction of duty under Article 92 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

## Senate confirms Moseley as next CSAF

The Senate has confirmed Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the next chief of staff of the Air Force. He is the current Air Force vice chief of staff.

General Moseley met with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee June 29 during his confirmation hearing. Following the approval of the committee, his nomination was forwarded to the Senate which approved the nomination just before adjourning for the Fourth of July holiday.

During the hearing he said his priorities would be to further refine and improve joint warfighting skills, continue to strengthen the Air Force's greatest asset — its people — and to recapitalize the aging aircraft fleet to meet future warfighting needs.

General Moseley is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F-15 Eagle.

He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in political science.

Besides holding numerous operational assignments, he commanded U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as Combined Forces Air Component commander for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

## DOD launches sexual assault prevention Web site

Servicemembers who are victims of sexual assault or who need information on the Defense Department policy on preventing sexual assaults can find the information at a new Web site launched by Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

The designers of the new site, which recently went live, had to name the site with the initials of the organization — [sapr.mil](http://sapr.mil) — rather than something like "sexualassault.mil" because too many firewalls would block out a request under that name.

If a commander or a first sergeant has questions, this site should provide the answers, but if not, they can send an e-mail via the site to a Joint Task Force member.

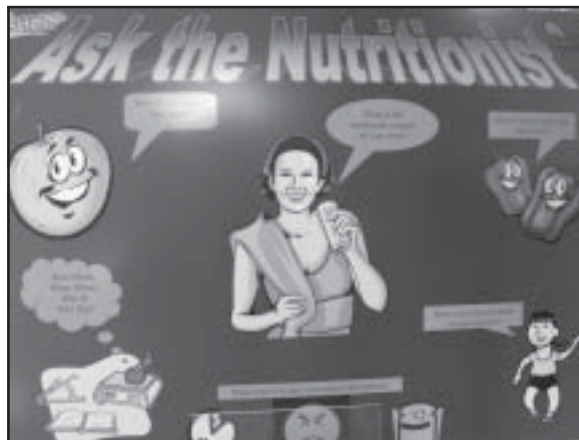
## McNabb nominated to command AMC

President Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb for the rank of general and to command Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

General McNabb is currently the director of logistics for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Before that assignment he was the Air Force deputy chief of staff for plans and programs.

A 1974 graduate of the U. S. Air Force Academy, he has held command and staff positions at squadron, wing, major command and Department of Defense levels. He is a command pilot with more than 5,400 hours in a variety of aircraft including the C-141 Starlifter and C-17 Globemaster III.

## Health Fair at Liberty Hall



*The 459th Services Squadron sponsored a health table at the Liberty Hall dining facility to hand out informational brochures about health and nutrition. A nutritionist from Bolling Air Force Base was also available to answer questions and give advice.*

*Senior Airman Lakeasha Johnson, 459 MSF, and Master Sgt. Donna Galtore, 459 MPF, pick up brochures provided in the Liberty Hall dining facility June 26 about health and nutrition while Senior Airman Shelisa Epps, 459th Services Squadron, stands by to answer any questions.*



*Photos by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Vehicle Decals Now Available

The 459th Security Forces Squadron and 89 AW Visitor Center (located outside the main gate) issue vehicle decals. Currently the 459 SFS is out of decals, but the 89 AW Visitor Center recently received their decal order and will assist you during the week. To receive a decal you will need the following: ID card; driver's license; vehicle registration; proof of insurance. Everything must be current and valid. When 459 SFS has more decals, a mass e-mail will be send out. Please call 459 SFS at 240-857-4150 with any questions.

### Point Credit Summary No Longer Mailed

The Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver no longer mails Air Force Form 526, Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Point Credit Summary, to Air Force reservists. Guard and Reserve members must now use the virtual Military Personnel Flight to print a copy of the point credit information. Headquarters ARPC/DPPK can be reached by calling toll free at 1-800-525-0102 for questions and concerns about credit of points or you can access the vMPF by going to: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/).

### MEO Vacancy

Looking for a change? Do you have excellent communication skills? Do you respect and appreciate diversity? If you answered yes to these questions, then you may be interested in a military equal opportunity position. MEO is all about promoting a working environment that is free from unlawful discrimination against personnel based upon race, color, religion, sex (to include sexual harassment) or national origin. The 459 MEO has a technical sergeant position available and will be conducting interviews during the August and September UTAs. To schedule an appointment, call or e-mail Maj. Marion Fox, MEO chief, at 240-857-4207 or e-mail at [marion.fox@andrews.af.mil](mailto:marion.fox@andrews.af.mil). A letter of interest and a resume are required.

### First Sergeant Vacancy

The First Sergeant position is available in 459 AES. If interested, submit a resume reflecting your military and civilian work history, awards, and education. Also include a letter of recommendation from your squadron commander and a letter explaining why you're interested in becoming a first sergeant. Please submit packages to Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman, 459 ARW Command Chief. For questions call Chief Hickman at (240) 857-2934.

### PAY DAYS

<i>Run Date</i>	<i>Check Date</i>
July 19	July 29
July 20	August 1
July 26	August 3
July 28	August 5
August 2	August 10
August 4	August 12
August 8	August 15
August 11	August 19
August 16	August 24

### Military Pay Hours of Operation

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 UTA Sat., 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Closed UTA Sun.  
 Office: (240) 857-0314/0315  
**Easy Pay Access: 1-800-755-7413**

### FY 2005 UTA SCHEDULE

July 30-31, Alt 9-10  
 Aug. 27-28, Alt 13-14  
 Sep 24-25, \*Alt 10-11

### FY 2006 UTA SCHEDULE

Oct. 22-23, Alt 15-16  
 Nov. 19-20, Alt 5-6  
 Dec. 17-18, Alt 3-4  
 Jan. 28-29, Alt 7-8  
 Feb. 25-26, Alt 11-12  
 March 25-25, Alt 11-12  
 April 29-30, Alt 15-16  
 May: Combined in June, Alt 13-14  
 June 8-11, Alt 17-18  
 July 29-30, Alt 15-16  
 Aug. 26-27, Alt 12-13  
 Sep 23-24, Alt 9-10

## 459th Reunion set for October

**Who:** All those affiliated with the 459th, past and present, are encouraged to attend  
**What:** An evening of dining, special entertainment, dancing and lots of camaraderie  
**Guest Speaker:** Lt. Gen. Jimmy Sherrard, Retired  
 Former AFRC Commander

**Where:** Andrews Community Activities Center Ballroom, Bldg 1442, Andrews Air Force Base

**When:** Saturday 22 October, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person

**Entrée Menu Choices:** Feast of London Broil or Roasted Chicken

To Purchase your ticket(s):

Make check or money order out to: 459th 2005 Reunion

Mail payment to: 459th 2005 Reunion

% Beth Bruker Walos  
 1209 Harmony Heights Drive  
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Event POCs: [Beth.BrukerWalos@Youngstown.af.mil](mailto:Beth.BrukerWalos@Youngstown.af.mil) or after 5 p.m. EST, call (724) 453-1313  
[Miserablemiller@bellsouth.net](mailto:Miserablemiller@bellsouth.net) Home phone: (321) 799-3903 Cell phone: (321) 795-6407





## **Meritorious Service Medal**

Master Sgt. Cavanaugh Smith  
Master Sgt. Andrew Koch  
Master Sgt. Tyrone Simmons  
Tech. Sgt. Jacques Freeman



## **Aerial Achievement Medal**

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Master Sgt. Byran Fitch  
Master Sgt. Darryl Hines  
Master Sgt. John Kaffka  
Tech. Sgt. Robert Aguilar

## **Retirements**

Maj. Emmett Long  
Capt. Cathleen Likins  
Senior Master Sgt. Gary Crowell  
Senior Master Sgt. Charles Holloway  
Master Sgt. Willie Johnson  
Tech. Sgt. Arnold Williams  
Tech. Sgt. Warren Hagler

## Feature Photos

# PUSH-UP contest!



*Senior Airman Sara Swenson, 459 SFS, emerged as the female push-up champion in the 459 ARW push-up challenge. She was able to complete 206 push-ups in a 10 minute period. Lt. Col. Cason, 459 MSG commander, counted Swenson's repetitions.*

*Photos by 1st. Lt. Timothy Smith*

*Senior Airman Raymond Barlow, 459 ASTS, is pushing his way to victory as he knocks out a few push-ups before taking a break. Barlow was the male winner of the 459 ARW push-up challenge held June 25. Barlow knocked out 266 push-ups in 10 minutes.*



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